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Honorable Edward A. McDermott
Director, Office of Emergency Planning
Executive Office of the President
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. McDermott:

Although I am confident that the National Defense Executive Reserve constitutes a most important segment of the Nation's preparedness program, I have concluded that it is not practical for the Central Intelligence Agency to continue its participation in the program.

All of our Executive Reservists are either current consultants or former employees and since most of them are in periodic contact with their sponsoring offices on a routine basis, there appears to be very little need or justification for additional training.

We anticipate a considerable expansion on mobilization but our plans reflect relatively few requirements for additional personnel at the executive level. Our primary requirement will be for personnel with military skills and status. We do, however, maintain an informal Civilian Standby Reserve of selected former employees and consultants who have indicated a willingness to return to work for the Agency in event of emergency. We plan to invite those of our Executive Reservists who are not now in consultant status to join this program.

I wish to take this opportunity to express to you and all members of your office who administer the Executive Reserve program our sincere appreciation for the excellent cooperation and support which we have always received in the management of our Reserve unit.

Sincerely,

JAMES A. McCONE
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